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COMPACT IMAGE SCANNER CAPABLE OF READING BOTH A LIGHT-

REFLECTING ARTICLE AND A LIGHT-TRANSMITTING ARTICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-18, and 20-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 1 is amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1-2, 8, 14, and 21-23 are independent.